

are working with the University of Nebraska tractor testing station asking them to cooperate with the testing of gadgets that could be put on motors and tractors whereby an efficient use could be made of this product. This is going to work and we are going to come out with some answers. It may take a little time. I know the bill we have before us does not have all the answers, but at least it is a step in the right direction and we make a journey by taking one step at a time. The bill may be crude, it may be misunderstood by the voting public, but at least we are going to start trying to do something with this bill. We have not yet, but I am sure we will, through research be able to use a by-product of the manufacture of alcohol that is going to be important to the livestock industry, and it could well be that this product will be as valuable or more valuable than the alcohol product that comes out of these various agriculture products that will be available for the manufacturing. Senator Kahle made it plain and I talked to three bankers yesterday. They told me this. They said, we are having farmers come in now asking for a loan whereby they can operate for this next summer. They left the bank saying, we think we would be much better off to go home and sell out and put our money on fourteen...fifteen percent interest and we know we are going to make a little money. There is no way and Senator Kahle brought this up, there is no way that we can pay seventeen, eighteen and nineteen percent interest to finance the operation of this next summer's activities on the farm. It will not work. Now if this thing gathers momentum and we begin selling out and putting our money on interest, this state is going to suffer and the cost of food is going to go up. We are in a critical period in American history, and unless we find some way to find the energy not only to operate our farms but also industry itself, it is very much impossible to predict what is going to happen. Now, again, I say that Senator Maresh may not have the answer in his bill entirely but it is a step in the right direction, and at least we can be helpful and try to establish some kind of a fund where money would be available to give someone some encouragement to build a plant in Nebraska where we could at least continue to take the leadership that we have in the past in finding some energy that will be available to us if things really get rough. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise in critical support of LB 637, and specifically I ask Senator Maresh to listen to my remarks. This would change the state Constitution and would include such a specific detail as the